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**Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROJECT PREPARING A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 29. Please add new claims 32-40. The claims are as follows:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps for coordinating a project for designing, implementing, and using a general procurement and accounts payable (GP/AP) system for a customer, said method steps comprising:

creating and maintaining a playbook database, said playbook database comprising a plurality of templates of information relating to said designing, implementing, and using said